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Letter sent to our soldiers returning from the California Army National Guard Bravo Company, 185th Combat Brigade based out of the Palmdale armory. They are returning on Monday, March 7, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., Palmdale City Hall Complex/Poncitlan Square, 38315 9th Street East in Palmdale.

Dear Soldiers,

On behalf of the California Legislature, it is my distinct honor to welcome you home and to extend our sincere thanks for your service to our country and for the defense of our freedoms.

While we all recognize the sacrifice you and your families have made, we can

not possibly know the difficulties you have endured. We appreciate your patriotism, dedication and sacrifice that you and your families have made on behalf of all of us in the United States.

Your courage at this time has been a true testament to your integrity and character. Those of integrity stand for a purpose larger than themselves. Your actions represent your core values and ideals. Thank you for acting and defending ideals of importance to the health of our nation and the welfare of our people.

As you reunite with your loved ones, I continue to pray for the health and safety of you and your entire command through this transition. I look forward to meeting you personally and participating in the formal "Welcome Home" celebration scheduled in May.

It is a privilege to serve you, as your representative in the California State Senate. Thank you again for your devoted service to our state and nation.

Sincerely,

News of the Week

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